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DEVELOPMENT OF BACKWARD AREAS IN ASSAM
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes for the development of backward areas in Assam approved by the Union Government during each of the last three years;

(b) the amount released during the above period for each district;

(c) the details of the schemes submitted by the Government of Assam for financial assistance; and

(d) the action taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a): The schemes for the development of backward areas of Assam are being implemented in the backward districts of Kokrajhar, North Lakhimpur, Dhemaji, North Cachar Hills and Karbi Anglong through the Backward Districts Initiative of the Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana.

(b): Details of the funds allocated and released for each district are as under:

(Rs. in crore)

Name of the district	Amount allocated for three years	Amount released in 2003-04	Amount released in 2004-05
Kokrajhar	45.00	5.00	2.50
North Lakhimpur	45.00	5.00	2.50
Dhemaji	45.00	0.00	7.50
North Cachar Hills	45.00	0.00	7.50
Karbi Anglong	45.00	0.00	7.50

Note: The scheme was approved in Annual Plan 2003-04.

(c): The schemes proposed by the State Government / district authorities are meant to fill critical gaps in various sectors like agriculture, education, roads, irrigation, power, health, etc., and vary from district to district.

(d): The District Plans of all the five districts covered under the scheme have been approved. As per the scheme, a sum of Rs. 45 crore is to be provided to each district over a period of three years for implementation of schemes included in the District Plans. So far, only one instalment of Rs. 7.50 crore has been released for each district. Further funds are to be released keeping in view the progress of financial and physical progress made under the District Plans.